

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 1, 2, 13, 20 and 24 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Thus, claims 1-26 are pending.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for introducing new matter. Specifically, claims 1, 2, 13, 20 and 24 were identified as including material not supported in the specification as originally filed. The claims have been amended to include language that more closely correlates with the specification as originally filed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-26 were rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, portions of independent claims 1, 2, 13, 20 and 24 were identified as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims have been amended to include language that more closely correlates with the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicants request that the written description rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 13-26 were rejected as failing being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, portions of independent claims 13 and 20 were identified as being indefinite. The claims have

been amended to more definitely recite the invention. Accordingly, Applicants request that the indefiniteness rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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